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SUBJECT: SENATOR TRIBLE'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT NAMPHY -
FEBRUARY 15, 1986

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. SUMMARY: IN CORDIAL ONE-HALF HOUR CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT NAMPHY FEBRUARY 15, SENATOR TRIBLE EXPRESSED CONGRESSIONAL HOPE THAT NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL WOULD MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO ESTABLISH TIMETABLE FOR ELECTIONS. PRESIDENT NAMPHY STRESSED CNG ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE, PRIMISED EVENTUAL TIMETABLE BUT SAID THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. SENATOR TRIBLE NOTED WIDESPREAD HAITIAN CONCERNS ABOUT APPARENT CONTINUED ROLE PLAYED BY "DUVALIERIST S" IN NEW GOVERNMENT; NAMPHY STRESSED TRANSITIONAL, REGIONAL CHARACTER OF NEW GOVERNMENT BUT, EMPHASIZED THAT CNG COULD NOT BE SEEN TO BOW TO POPULAR PRESSURE TO RESHUFFLE. SENATOR TRIBLE STRESSED STRICT FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND SUPPRESSION OF CORRUPTION AS PREREQUISITE FOR FOREIGN AID. PRESIDENT NAMPHY GAVE CNG'S CATEGORICAL COMMITMENT TO INSURE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF AID FUNDS. END SUMMARY.

3. SENATOR PAUL TRIBLE ACCOMPAINED BY AMBASSADOR MCMANAWAY AND POLITICAL SECTION CHIEF ROSSIN CALLED ON NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL PRESIDENT LT. GENERAL HENRI NAMPHY AT 11:00 A.M., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15. MEETING LASTED ONE-HALF HOUR AND WAS EXTREMELY CORDIAL. NAMPHY WELCOMED U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN RECENT EVENTS IN HAITI AND EVIDENT COMMITMENT TO ASSIST NEW HAITIAN GOVERNMENT IN IMPROVING WELL-BEING OF HAITIAN PEOPLE AND HELPING TO BRING DEMOCRACY.

4. NUBPBY TOB SENATOR TRIBLE THAT THE CNG HAD A COMPLICATED JOB AHEAD. A SOLID BASE HAD TO BE LAID ON WHICH DEMOCRACY COULD BE CONSTRUCTED SO THAT POLITICIANS WOULD NOT EXPLOIT THE PEOPLE LEAVING HAITI IN THE HANDS OF A NEW DICTATORSHIP. THE GOVERNMENT, NAMPHY SAID, HAD LAID OUT ITS PROGRAM IN HIS FEBRUARY 10 ADDRESS AND WAS COMMITTED TO DEMOCRACY. THE NAME ITSELF OF THE GOVERNMENT -- THE NATIONAL GOVERNING COUNCIL-- HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CHOSEN TO INDICATE THAT ALLHAITIANS WERE REPRESENTED IN THE GOVERNMENT.

5. NAMPHY STRESSED THAT THE CNG HAD HAD TO MOVE QUICKLY AFTER ITS FEBRUARY 7 ASSUMPTION OF POWER TO STABILIZE THE SECURITY SITUATION. THIS EXPLAINED THE COMPOSITION OF THE NEW CABINET. IT WAS NOT

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EASY TO GET RID OF THE VSN WITHOUT BLOODSHED. IN ORDER TO CREATE A CLIMATE IN WHICH VTN MEMBERS COULD FEEL SECURE AND WOULD ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE DISARMED, THE CNG HAD DECIDED IT WAS NECESSARY TO INCLUDE CERTAIN CABINET MEMBERS WITH VSN CONNECTIONS. THIS HAD WORKED, THE ENDING WAS HAPPY, BUT NAMPHY UTRESSED THAT THE CABINET WAS TRANSITIONAL. HE ACKNOWLEDGED POPULAR ANIETY AND SAID ALLD QEGDHTS WOULD BE "LISTENEDNTM , ANALYZED AND RESPONDED TO IN GOOD TIME." THIS COULD NOT BE DONE IN DISORDER AND THE CNG WAS STRESSING TO THE PEOPLE THAT THE DAMAGE OF 28 YEARS COULD NOT BE UNDONE IN EIGHT DAYS.

6. NAMPHY SAID THE ECONOMIC SITUATION (#)
GOH TETHNICAL SERVICES WOULD BE (#)
PROPOSALS TO USAID FOR
BOTH IMMEDIATE AND (#)
THE CNG HAD TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE
NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE FIRST, THEN PROVIDE A MINIMAL LEVEL OF EDUCATION
SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD CHOOSE THEIR LEADERS INTELLUGENTLY.
ELECTIONS; NAMPHY (#) COULD NOT BE HELD WITHOUT THIS
PREPARATION. WERE HAITI TO HOLD ELECTIONS IMMEDIATELY, THERE
WOULD BE A DICTATORSHIP (#)
YEARS. THE CNG PRESENTED
HAITI'S FIRST CHANCE AT A GOVERNMENT WHICH (#)
INTERESTS OF ALL THE HAITIAN PEOPLE AND THIS, NAMPHY CONCLUDED,
(#) BEDROCK POLICY.

7. SENATOR TRIBLE CONGRATULATED PRESIDENT NAMPHY ON THE CNG'S
COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND ELECTIONS. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
ELECTIONS IN HAITI CLEARLY WERE IMPOSSIBLE OVERNIGHT. AT THE
SAME TIME, HE SAID, NEITHER THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY NOR THE
HAITIAN PEOPLE THEMSELVE COULD WAIT FOREVER. TRIBLE SAID THIS

ISSUE WOULD WEIGH HEAVILY IN CONGRESSIONAL DEBATES ON HAITI. IT WAS
IMPORTANT THEREFOHE THAT THE CNG PUT FORTH AN ACTION PLAN AND
TIMETABLE SOON AGAINST WHICH ITS PROGRESS TOWARD DEMOCRACY COULD BE
MESURED. THIS, SAID SENATOR TRIBLE, WOULD BE THE BEST TO BUILD
CONFIDENCE IN THE DNG. SENATOR TRIBLE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE CNG WAS
ONLY EIGHT DAYS OLD BUT ASKED PRESIDENT NAMPHY IF HE HAD PRELIMINARY
VIFEAS ON AN ACOION PLAN.

8. PRESIDENT NAMPHY REFERRED TO HIS FEBRUARY 10 SPEECH AND GAVE HIS
COMMITMENT THAT THE CNG WOULD TURN POWER OVER TO THE POPULARLY CHOSEN
LEADERS IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME. HE AGAIN STRESSED HIS BELIEF
THAT AN EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WAS ESSENTIAL TO AVOID THE RECRUDESENCE
OF DICTATORSHIP. STARTING FROM THIS EDUCATIONAL PROCESS (IN WHICH
PRESIDENT NAMPHY INCLUDED THE BUILDING OF FREE TRADE UNIONS), THERE
WOULD BE MUNICIPAL THEN LEGISLATIVE, THEN FINALLY PRESIDENTIAL
ELECTIONS. SENATOR TRIBLE RECALLED INDEFINTE PRIMISES OF A "QUICK
RETURN TO DEMOCRACY" PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT ZIA HAD MADE IN 1978,
WHICH HAD NOT BEEN BORNE OUT. PRESIDENT NAMPHY GAVE HIS WORD
AS A SOLDIER THAT HE WOULD NOT FOLLOW IN ZIA'S PATH.

9. SENATOR TRIBLE URGED THAT THE CNG FIX AS AN EARLY PRIORITY THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF STRONG FINANCIAL CONTROLS. THIS, HE SAID, WOULD
HELP BUILD ESSENTIAL CONFIDENCE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT OUR AID
WOULD BE USED PROPERLY. SENATOR TRIBLE EXPRESSED HIS AND THE USG'S
HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE MORE EMPHASIS ON DEVELOPING THE PRIVATE
SECTOR. ALL THIS REQUIRED A STRONG ECONOMIC TRAM. SENATOR
TRIBLE ASKED WHETHER THE CNG HAD SUCH A TEAM, WHETHER SUCH
PEOPLE WERE AVAILABLE, AND WHETHER THE U.S. COULD DO ANYTHING TO
HELP.

10. PRESIDENT NAMPHY REPLIED THAT THE CNG WAS PLANNING TO CREATE A
"WORKING GROUP" TO ADVISE THE COUNCIL. A SERIOUS TEAM WOULD BE PUT
IN PLACE AT THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WHICH WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH
THE EMBASSY AND FINANCE WHICH WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH THE EMBASSY AND
INTERNATIONAL DONORS TO AVOID PAST ERRORS. PRESIDENT NAMPHY
EXPRESSED INTEREST IN U.S. MILITARY AID TO REORGANIZE THE FAD'H
HE DISCLOSED THAT THE ARMY HAD LONG NURTURED PLANS TO REORGANIZE

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ITSELF TO SERVE THE PEOPLE, BUT THE PREVIOUS REGIME HAD EXPRESSED NO INTEREST. HAITI, NAMPHY CONCLUDED, COUNTS ON AMERICAN UNDERSTANDING --ALL REQUESTS FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE WOULD BE COUCHED IN TERMS OF HELPING THE HAITIAN PEOPLE. NAMPHY REITERATED HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCES THAT THIS WAS THE FUNDAMENTAL POLICY OF THE CNG.

11. SENATOR TRIBLE READILY AGREED THAT THE CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT PRESENTED A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR HAITI, THE CNG'S PUBLIC STATEMENTS HAD BEEN ON TARGET AND IT HAD TAKEN A NUMBER OF POSITIVE ACTIONS (SUCH AS DISSOLVING THE VSN MILITIA). IT WAS IMPORTANT, SENATOR TRIBLE SAID, THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT REFLECT ALL ELEMENTS OF HAITIAN SOCIETY. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE TOOK NOTE OF WIDESPREAD CONCERN OVER CERTAIN MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS. NAMPHY AGAIN STRESSED THE TRANSITIONAL NATURE OF THE CABINET. HE REITERATED HIS UNWILLINGNESS TO WEAKEN THE CNG BY APPEARING TO CAVE IN TO POPULAR PRESSURE, BUT HE STRESSED THAT THE CNG WOULD IN NO CASE TOLERATE OFFICIAL CORRUPTION.

12. SENATOR TRIBLE CONCLUDED BY ASKING PRESIDENT NAMPHY IF HE HAD ANY MESSAGES TO CARRY BACK TO HIS COLLEAGUES ON THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND IN THE CONGRESS. NAMPHY ASKED TRIBLE TO CONVEY HIS APPRECIATION FOR SENATOR TRIBLE'S VISIT AND THE FRANK DIALOGUE WHICH HAD OCCURRED. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT WELL-PREPARED GOV ASSISTANCE REQUESTS WOULD BE WELL-RECEIVED IN CONGRESS. TRIBLE NOTED THAT THE CNG'S ACTIONS WOULD DETERMINE THE ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS. NAMPHY SUMMARIZED AGAIN THE CNG'S COMMITMENTS: (1) RESTORING AND MAINTAINING PUBLIC ORDER; (2) ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRUCTURE TO FULLY UTILIZE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND (3) PROVISION OF GUARANTEES THAT AID WOULD BE PROPERLY USED TO BENEFIT THE HAITIAN PEOPLE. AGAIN, NAMPHY STRESSED THE CNG'S BASIC COMMITMENT TO PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF "REAL HAITIANS." SENATOR TRIBLE EXPRESSED PERSONAL CONFIDENCE THAT PRESIDENT NAMPHY WAS A MAN TO DO THIS, AND THE MEETING CLOSED AMID COURTESIES.

13. COMMENT: SENATOR TRIBLE'S MESSAGES ECHOED POINTS RAISED BY THE AMBASSADOR IN CONVERSATIONS WITH NAMPHY AND OTHER CNG MEMBERS. WE BELIEVE THIS CONVERSATION WAS USEFUL IN FURTHERING U.S. OBJECTIVES. DAWKINS

END OF MESSAGE

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